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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EMIN, CH  
SUBJ: AGREEMENT ON SHANGHAI STEEL MILL

1. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE COMMERCIAL OFFICERS, A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED CONCERNING THE NEW SIX MILLION TON STEEL MILL FOR SHANGHAI. THE CHINESE ORIGINALLY HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1980, BUT THE JAPANESE BELIEVE THEY ARE NOW PREPARED TO SETTLE FOR PARTIAL COMPLETION OF ONLY ONE BLAST FURNACE. INITIALLY, THE MILL WILL USE IMPORTED IRON ORE.

2. JAPANESE STATED THAT THEY WERE OF THE OPINION THAT CHINA'S STEEL OUTPUT IN 1978 MIGHT REACH 30 MILLION TONS IN 1978 AND DID NOT SHARE OUR SKEPTICISM THAT CHINA COULD PRODUCE 60 MILLION TONS OF STEEL IN 1985.  
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